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# Marines set sail for Philippines

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**WHITE BEACH** — For the first time since 1995, U.S. servicemembers are heading to the Republic of the Philippines for a combined/joint exercise known as Balikatan, a Tagalog term meaning “shoulder the load together.”

Marines with the ground side on Okinawa, Japan, left Feb. 11 on the *USS Fort McHenry* to begin their journey to the exercise. Units from Okinawa supporting the effort include 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines, here as part of the Unit Deployment Program from Hawaii; 5th Force Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division; Combat Service Support Detachment-35, Marine Air Ground Task Force-4; 4th Marine Regiment headquarters; Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron-369 and Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-462, both UDP from Camp Pendleton, Calif.; and Combat Assault Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment.

“The MAGTF is deploying to the Philippines to conduct bilateral and joint training and improve Republic of the Philippines and United States combined planning, combat readiness and interoperability,” said Maj. Eric R. Kleiber, regimental air officer for the exercise. “(It will also) enhance security relations and demonstrate the

United States’ resolve to support the Republic of the Philippines against external aggression.”

During the exercise, nearly 2,000 U.S. servicemembers will cross train with their Filipino counterparts, as well as provide humanitarian and civic assistance on Luzon and Palawan.

“The cross training will focus on squad-level operations and tactics,” explained Kleiber. “The exercise culminates in an amphibious assault with helicopters and amphibious vehicles.”

Philippine and U.S. medical and dental teams are scheduled to provide free medical and dental clinics at selected locations, and an engineering project designed to improve the local infrastructure will also be conducted.

The two nations ratified the Visiting Forces Agreement in May 1999, resuming the combined training relationship.

Marines here said they were looking forward to visiting the Philippines and training with their counterparts.

“We hope to get a better understanding of the way the Philippine Marines operate and improve our ability to integrate forces,” said Kleiber. “The Marines will also get a lot of good training.”

“I expect to enjoy seeing new places and meeting our Filipino counterparts,” said Sgt. Allan M. Anderson, squad leader, Co. B, 1st Bn., 3rd Marines. “I want to see the world and what it has to offer.

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STAFF SGT. MICHAEL T. MINK

**More than 400 Marines’ and Sailors’ gear is staged on the White Beach pier before boarding the *USS Fort McHenry*. The *McHenry* left February 11, headed for a combined/joint exercise known as Balikatan, in the Republic of the Philippines.**

## Commandant’s advisors speak on equal opportunity

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**CAMP FOSTER** — In an effort to show fleet Equal Opportunity Advisors and Equal Opportunity Representatives support, the top Equal Opportunity enlisted and officer advisors to the Commandant of the Marine Corps visited members of III Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine Corps Bases Japan here Feb 7-9.

Colonel Aaron X. Butler, advisor to the Commandant on Equal Opportunity Matters and the head of the Manpower Equal Opportunity Branch, Headquarters Marine Corps, and Master Gunnery Sgt. William Wilber, senior enlisted Equal Opportunity Advisor, HQMC, visited

Okinawa during a tour of the Western Pacific.

In addition to showing support, they evaluated the status of the Equal Opportunity Program.

“The greatest challenge that confronts Equal Opportunity is getting people to understand that equal opportunity is leadership,” said Butler, who has held the billet for about eight months. “Equal Opportunity exists for everyone. It is not about special privilege or a special program for certain people.”

“When you think about Equal Opportunity, it’s about unbiased professional leadership,” Butler said. “We groom people from the very beginning of their careers to be effective leaders.”

Butler believes Equal Opportunity pro-

grams can prove to be a positive force in the Marine Corps through training, education and by Equal Opportunity Advisors getting out and talking to Marines.

“There is nothing negative about positive, unbiased, successful leadership,” Butler said.

Butler presented the results of the Marine Corps Climate Survey, conducted in 1999, which pointed out that an overwhelming majority of incidents concerning the infringement of a Marine’s Equal Opportunity rights occurred to junior Marines.

While speaking to a group of staff non-commissioned officers, Wilber pointed out that a good Equal Opportunity Advisors are necessary when junior Marines have problems concerning fair treatment, a key

for ensuring the Marine Corps retains quality Marines in the future.

“When you tell a Devil Dog to suck it up and live with it, that’s what they’re going to do,” said Wilber, who manages all 34 Equal Opportunity Advisors in the Marine Corps. “But guess what, it’s burning inside.”

During the presentation, Butler stressed that if Marines have problems that are not taken care of, it negatively affects mission accomplishment.

“Equal Opportunity exists for one reason and one reason only, and that’s to enhance our ability to go to war,” Butler said. “When we go to war, we go as a team, not as individuals, and that has to be the message that people receive. That has to be the message that people understand.”



# TROA to award scholarship

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**CAMPBUTLER** — The Retired Officers Association is offering a \$1,000 scholarship grant to a high school senior or undergraduate college student whose sponsors are assigned to Camp S. D. Butler.

“The TROA Board of Directors recognized that the cost of education continues to go up at a rate faster than inflation and military families are having a hard time paying for their children to go to college,” said Glen R. Zauber, Chief Financial Officer, TROA.

The program is called Scholarship 200 and will give a \$1,000 grant to one student at 200 locations around the world. Applicants here will compete against other students from Camp Butler for the grant. The grants are based on merit and leadership qualities.

To be eligible the applicant must be the child of an active duty member or Drilling Reserve/ National Guard member, officer or enlisted, of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, United States Public Health Service, or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The applicant must also be a high school senior or college student working on their first undergraduate degree and under the age of 24. The applicant must be planning to attend an accredited college or university as a full-time student in

the fall of 2000.

“It (Scholarship 200) should help lighten the financial burden to both the student and the parent,” said Zauber. “The only stipulation for the \$1,000 is that it be used by an active duty dependent pursuing a college degree at an accredited university.”

The deadline for applications is March 1 and all applicants must send a certified transcript and verification of Scholastic Achievement Test or American College Testing scores and a copy of the sponsoring parent’s recent Leave and Earning Statement to TROA, Scholarship 200, 201 North Washington St., Alexandria, Va. 22314-2311. Scholarship winners will be notified in April.

Applications can be done on the World Wide Web. To apply, go to <http://www.troa.org>. Once there go to “Member Services,” then to “Scholarship and Education Assistance” and follow the instructions.

TROA is also the nation’s fourth largest veteran’s organization, with about 400,000 members. Membership to TROA is open to officers and warrant officers active duty, reservist, or National Guard, plus former and retired officers and warrant officer, and surviving spouses.

“The TROA Board of Directors felt that \$1,000 grants to children of active duty families demonstrates TROA’s commitment to the military family,” said Zauber.



CPL. ZACHARY A. BATHON

## Preparing for takeoff

**Corporal Josef E. Patterson and Lance Cpl. David M. Mullins, both avionics technicians with HMLA-369, repair a switch on an AH-1W Super Cobra. This type of repair is done routinely to keep the Corps’ birds flying high.**

# Clinton’s highest budget priority is people

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON** — Personnel issues have the highest priority in President Clinton’s fiscal 2001 Defense Budget Request.

“All this great equipment we have will be unimportant if we don’t have the best people to work it,” said Defense Secretary William S. Cohen during a Pentagon press conference Feb. 7. “We’ve got to attract the best and the brightest to the military, then we’ve got to keep them.”

The fiscal 2001 military and civilian pay raise is set for 3.7 percent. The raise is figured by taking the employment cost index and adding .5 percent. “This keeps military pay a half-a-percent above inflation,” said Cohen.

But more important, DoD is adding \$3 billion to the budget to fund the basic allowance for housing. “The BAH [increase] will eliminate out-of-pocket costs by [fiscal] 2005, and that is a significant change,” Cohen said.

Officials estimate out-of-pocket expenses will drop to an average of 15 percent in fiscal 2001.

DoD will also dedicate money and resources to fixing military health care. “TRICARE has not been managed in a way that’s most desirable and most effective,” Cohen said. “We will try to establish a more seamless system where we can

eliminate some of the confusion when servicemembers are transferred from one jurisdiction to another. This is a goal we hope to achieve this year.

“And we certainly hope to have more access to the system by having better management practices on the part of those who are practicing medicine in our military facilities.”

He said the budget would eliminate co-pays for servicemembers enrolled in TRICARE Prime who receive treatment in, the civilian community. For families enrolled in TRICARE Prime Remote, the budget eliminates co-pay for all.

Cohen said that overall, the \$291 billion defense budget proposal protects the President’s commitment to maintain the high quality of the U.S. armed forces. He said the budget continues the president’s \$112 billion increase through fiscal 2005.

The budget adds money for contingencies in Kosovo and East Timor and for higher than expected fuel prices.

Cohen said the budget follows Quadrennial Defense Review recommendations and maintains the department’s progress toward transformation. “I think it’s clear also that it’s going to require my successor and perhaps my successor’s successor to complete this transformation,” Cohen said.

“We have a very large organization with serious commitments globally. We

have laid the foundation, we have agreed upon the blueprints and the key building blocks are in place. We still have many tough challenges ahead.”

The budget request hits the \$60 billion mark for procurement proposed in 1995. “There is nothing sacrosanct or magical about the \$60 billion,” Cohen said. “That figure is calculated to go at least to \$70 billion through fiscal 2005. This represents 46 percent real growth.”

The request also supports the services’ efforts to reshape the force. “The Army is dedicated to shaping a force that is more deployable, lethal and agile,” Cohen said. “They have underway a program to acquire a new, medium-armored vehicle for the combat units at Fort Lewis.”

Cohen mentioned the Navy’s proposed DD-21 multi-mission ship. The ship will sail with fewer sailors. Currently a comparable ship has a crew of 300. The DD-21 will sail with a crew of 100.

The budget request supports the Air Force change to air expeditionary forces. “This has produced a highly versatile Air Force which will help to reduce the personnel tempo, so airmen will have more regularity and predictability,” Cohen said.

Cohen said the Marine Corps’ V-22 aircraft will enhance the Corps’ mobility. He also mentioned Urban Warrior experiments and the importance of these on shaping the Marine Corps of the future.

Cohen has proposed two new rounds

of base realignment and closure in 2003 and 2005. He said Congress cannot afford to continue to put this off. DoD projects saving roughly \$3 billion per year if it is allowed to reduce excess infrastructure.

Planners also say that around the end of the decade DoD will have to increase the procurement budget by about \$15 billion to \$18 billion. “That projection for procurement is going to get large and if you keep pushing [base realignment and closure] out, there’s going to come a due date,” Cohen said. “We’re going to have to say we need a major increase in the topline or we will take it from one account and put the money elsewhere.

“I can only impress upon [Congress] what is coming and they will have to determine whether or not it should wait another year,” he continued. “What I’ve tried to do is say I think it is important enough for you to address it now.”

Cohen said the budget request sustains U.S. military excellence. “We have the finest military in the world,” he said. “We intend to keep it that way.

“We have a number of challenges that remain. One is bolstering recruiting and retention and quality of life reforms are key to that.” He said operations tempo and personnel tempo remains a challenge and the department must address these issues. “These will be a constant challenge for future years,” he said.



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# Saving energy saves money

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**CAMP FOSTER** — In their battle to cover energy costs for Marine Corps bases on Okinawa, utility engineers are requesting the support of Marines and Sailors to help implement energy awareness in their units.

During 1999, Camp Butler spent \$38.5 million on energy and used 10.3 percent of the total energy consumed by the Marine Corps for that year, according to John F. Whittle, utilities engineer, Marine Corps Base. In comparison, Camp Lejuene consumed 24.8 percent of the total energy used by the Marine Corps for the same year, but paid only \$19.6 million for its use.

Although the cost of using energy here in Japan is almost double than that in the states, the high cost was alleviated with monetary support from the Government of Japan, according to Whittle.

Besides costing money, failing to conserve stresses machines and uses energy resources.

One regular fluorescent light bulb runs at about 32 watts per hour, according to Whittle. There are 8,760 hours in one year. The cost to run that light continuously is approximately \$.16 per Kilowatt hour or \$44.57 a year. With an average of 25-30

light bulbs in one office room, the cost quickly rises. In addition to lights, there are still computers, monitors, printers, fax machines, refrigerators and air conditioners which also use energy.

Machines left running continuously cause more problems than just machinery breakdown, according to Whittle. When energy is used to run machinery, heat is released.

During the summer months, that heat competes with air conditioning to keep the work climate comfortable. When the workers have left the building, and the computer is still running, it causes the air conditioner to keep cooling a room.

The goal of the utility engineers is to provide attractive and comfortable working, living and recreational facilities for all personnel and to simultaneously comply with utilities/energy conservation goals mandated by higher headquarters, according to Marine Corps Base Order 11300.3A.

Utility management is a people issue first, and then a technical issue, according to Whittle.

“Personnel must use leadership and work together to solve the problem of saving energy by practicing simple procedures like turning off computers, lights and other machinery during the weekend,” said Whittle.



CPL. ZACHARY A. BATHON

## Bustin' rust

**Lance Cpl. Jeremy S. Solar, heavy equipment operator, 3rd Transportation Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group performs some preventative maintenance work by taking rust out of a Tram.**

# Camp Kinser, Urasoe City come together

**Lance Cpl. Micheal O. Foley**

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**CAMP KINSER** — Leaders of Camp Kinser met with business, government and social leaders of the Urasoe City community at the Surfside Club here recently during a luncheon to discuss community issues and strengthen ties among the leaders.

“We want to have a good relationship with the local community of Urasoe City,” said Col. Paul R. Puckett, Camp Kinser camp commander. “We want to show them anything we can about our base, and how we do business. We want to introduce them to the leadership of the base, see the facilities and let them know that we have community spirit and we are part of Urasoe City.”

Several of Urasoe City’s most influential leaders attended the event, including Kanjun Teruya, Deputy Mayor, Yoshiro Tome, Vice -President of Orion Beer, Kunio Miyagi, member of the Okinawa Prefecture Assembly, Shintaro Takara, American Consulate General’s political/economic advisor, and several others.

“We had politicians, businessmen, members of the chamber of commerce, and the rotary club all attend the event,” said Puckett. “It’s good to know them. They invite us out and we do a lot with them.”

Throughout the meal, the leaders spoke about several opportunities to bring the communities of Urasoe City and Camp Kinser together. One of those opportunities involves a Japanese professional baseball team, according to Puckett. “One of things we talked about that is big

for Urasoe City is for the first time they have a pro baseball team coming here for their spring training,” said Puckett. “They are going to play two of their spring training games right here in Urasoe City. I want to make sure the 5,200 people on Camp Kinser know about these kinds of events and find a way to get them tickets if they want to go.”

In addition to the baseball team, the leaders discussed past events, on which they have worked together, including the fashion show, Kinser Summer Festival and language programs with school-age children.

“I am very happy for the fact that we are becoming good neighbors and friends,” said Teruya. “We would like to have a strong community tie with the Marines and build peace.”



PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS BRANDON D. KRIEGER

**Lauren Elizabeth Matthews poses for a photo on her mom’s lap.**

# U. S. Naval Hospital celebrates ‘new year’s baby’ with ceremony

**Sgt. Nathaniel T. Garcia**

*Combat Correspondent*

**CAMPLESTER** — A “New Year’s Baby Ceremony” was held at the Camp Lester Chapel Feb. 8 to recognize the first military baby born in Okinawa for the year 2000.

The baby, Lauren Elizabeth Matthews, was born at the United States Naval Hospital, Okinawa at 12:14 a.m. The baby was the first daughter and only child of Air Force Airman 1st Class Lisa N. Matthews, unit cost manager, Maintenance Flight, 18th Munitions Squadron, 18th Logistics Group and Air Force Senior Airman Joshua I. Matthews, flight line support crew chief, 18th Munitions Squadron, 18th Logistics Group.

The brown-haired, hazel-eyed baby girl was born weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 19.75 inches tall.

“It’s (having a child) very exciting and a lot of fun,” said Joshua, a native of Abemarle, N.C. “The delivery staff made the whole process a lot smoother.”

Friends, family, charitable organizations and the staff that helped in the delivery were present at the ceremony. The Matthews family received blankets, gift certificates, clothes and other baby gifts by several organizations like the Marine Officers Spouses’ Club, Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, American Red Cross, Marine Corps Community Services, members of the Labor and Delivery staff and many others.



## Courts-martial REPORT III MEF/MCBJ

• A private first class assigned to Headquarters and Service Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, was sentenced to forfeit \$600 pay for one month, confinement for 45 days, and reduction to E-1, following a conviction at a special court-martial of five specifications of Article-92, disobeying a lawful order; and two specifications of Article 134, drunk and disorderly.

• A private first class assigned to 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd FSSG, was sentenced to forfeit \$600 pay per month for four months, confinement for 4 months, reduction to E-1, and to be discharged with a bad conduct discharge, following a conviction at a special court-martial of one specification of Article 86, unauthorized absence; and one specification of Article 87, missing movement.

• A private first class assigned to 3rd Materiel Readiness Battalion, 3rd FSSG, was sentenced to forfeit \$660 pay per month for two months and 60 days confinement, following a conviction at a special court-martial of one specification of Article 86, unauthorized absence.



CPL. ERICKSON J. BARNES

## Firefighters share oxygen

Firefighters on Camp Foster train with new breathing systems during two-man survival drills. A smoke generator filled the building with smoke while the men entered two at a time, sharing only one breathing apparatus. The drill simulated a system malfunction that would require two firefighters to safely exit a smoke-filled environment by sharing one oxygen mask.

## Alcohol-related NJPs III MEF/MCBJ

The *Okinawa Marine*, in accordance with the III MEF/MCBJ Liberty Campaign Plan, now publishes the following alcohol-related nonjudicial punishments for Feb. 6 - Feb. 12.

- Underage drinking and assault

A private first class with 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking and assault on a senior airman. **Punishment:** forfeiture of \$263 for one month and restriction and extra duties for 14 days.

- Possession of more than six beers

A private first class with 9th ESB, 3rd FSSG, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of possession of more than six beers in his BEQ and dereliction of duty. **Punishment:** forfeiture of \$263 for one month and restriction and extra duties for 14 days.

- Underage drinking

A lance corporal with 3rd Transportation Support Battalion, 3rd FSSG, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of underage drinking. **Punishment:** reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$563 for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

- Dereliction of Duty

A sergeant with 9th ESB, 3rd FSSG, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of dereliction of duty for not reporting an underage drinker. **Punishment:** forfeiture of \$354 for one month and restriction and extra duties for 14 days.

- Underage drinking

A private first class with Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of underage drinking. **Punishment:** reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$502 for one month and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

- Drunk and disorderly

A Seaman with U. S. Naval Hospital, was found guilty at a captain's mast of drunk and disorderly and assault. **Punishment:** reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$250 for two months and restriction for 30 days.

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A Seaman with USNH, was found guilty at a captain's mast of drunk and disorderly and assault. **Punishment:** reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$250 for two months and restriction for 30 days.

## Community Briefs

### Report off base traffic violations

To report off-base traffic violations call 645-3423/7441/3423/3887/7442 or e-mail [tvr@mcbbutler.usmc.mil](mailto:tvr@mcbbutler.usmc.mil) or go to the Marine Corps Base website at <http://www.mcbbutler.usmc.mil>, click on "Whats New" then on "Traffic Violation Report."

### National Prayer Breakfast

This year's National Prayer Breakfast will be held March 2, at 6:30 a.m. at the Rocker NCO Club on Kadena. Guest speaker for this event is Maj. Gen. William J. Dendinger, chief of chaplain service.

Ticket cost is \$5 per person For more information, call 634-1288.

### Book donations needed

The University of Oklahoma will be collecting good condition textbooks and non-fiction books to be donated to the University of Ryukyus Library. Adult and child fiction will be gladly accepted and donated to the Urasoe

City Library and a local Japanese daycare. Look for collection boxes in your base library and education centers throughout February.

For more information, contact the local OU office at 634-1606.

### President's Day volleyball

Come join the fun Monday from noon to 4 p.m. at the Schwab USO. There will be a 3-on-3 Volleyball Challenge and other games to participate in. Enjoy free food, prize giveaways and DJ music. This event is free and open to all SOFA status personnel and their guests.

For more information, call USO Marketing Department at 633-4510.

### Children's Dental Health Month

In celebration of Children's Dental Health Month, a dental health fair is scheduled Saturday outside the Foster Main Exchange. Activities at the fair will include an information booth, mobile dental van tours, dental screenings for eligible children, and announcement of the poster/essay contest winners.

For more information, contact Evans, Bush or Kinser Naval Dental Clinics.

### Korean furniture sale

There will be a Korean furniture sale sponsored by the Kubasaki High School Senior Class of 2000. Proceeds benefit the "Project Graduation" and Varsity Soccer Team. The sale is Feb. 26 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Feb 27 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Bechtel Elementary School Gym, Camp McTureous. Your support will help give seniors a safe, fun and memorable graduation. For more information, call Mark at 645-3614.

### To submit a brief ...

The Okinawa Marine accepts briefs for non-profit organizations and groups only. Briefs are run on space-available and time-priority basis. Deadline for briefs is noon Friday. The Okinawa Marine reserves the right to edit to fit space. Submit briefs by faxing to 645-3803, or send an e-mail to [angusrj@mcbbutler.usmc.mil](mailto:angusrj@mcbbutler.usmc.mil).

# NCO finds rebirth at Corporal's Course

Let me begin by saying that it wasn't like boot camp at all. It was a time for me to rethink my methods of leadership. Two weeks of rigorous classes and physical training was something I needed to guide me to my place in the ever-changing Marine Corps: Corporal Course. It was a time to think and motivate myself ... again.

I won't say that I was highly motivated before I left for the formal school provided by Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base, but I will admit that I consider the course a moment of rebirth for me. I found a new mode of motivation that wasn't self-driven. I'll leave you in suspense to discover what I mean.

Our first training day began in the Camp Foster Chapel with the instructors laying down the law and sharing with us their ultimate pet peeves. Most of the instructors obviously came from the drill field and were not ashamed to show or mention it. That intimidated us to think that this was going to be boot camp all over again.

Our chief instructor started off with our first class of "Time Management." A subject many of us would regret in the days to come. After several days of harping on the subject, a few Marines arrived in class late in the afternoon. We got what we had coming to us from both the chief instructor and the first sergeant: a verbal ego drain. Every day after that incident, we arrived at the classroom half an hour early.

Our mission throughout the course was to fill out a daily schedule of what we planned to accomplish. In the left half, we wrote our proposed schedule and what we actually did in the right half. I look back at this class and think why didn't I do that in the first place? It was too easy

to believe. We underwent several classes ranging from the characteristics of the NCO sword to physical fitness to leadership concepts and terrorism awareness. So much information blew me away and made me question that although I was promoted to corporal, was I REALLY a Corporal? Did I have the resources I need to teach my subordinates the proper way? Was I really proficient in being a Marine yet? Those classes gave me another extremely large wake up call.

I stuck to the books and studied with one of my fellow corporals who was going through the intense course also. We pushed ourselves to learn the knowledge and we waxed the tests with ease through teamwork — another valuable concept we all learned in the course.

The unique part of the course was live-firing M870 shotgun at the Camp Schwab pistol range. I, because of my small-framed body, was a little concerned with the amount of recoil I might experience. It ended up not being as much of a fuss as I thought it would. I think that was the moment I indirectly gained my new motivation: confidence.

For over a decade, I've tried to suck the essence of my nervousness out of me, but to no avail. It slowly disappeared as the course went on, but when I fired that first shell from the shotgun, reality clicked within. For me to be a good leader, I have

to at least give the impression that I'm confident and decisive when I give a Marine an order — something I've had trouble dealing with for a very long time.

We spent numerous hours of time learning how to drill a small unit. A lot of times, we used our weekends to appraise ourselves and receive advice from instructors who took their own time to help us. I must add that drilling with the 1858 Cavalry sword, now known as the Marine NCO sword, is not the easiest thing in the world. Just learning how to get that arm straight and pressing the knuckle bow on our trouser seams was perplexing enough.

Through assistance and nightly practicing, we all figured out how to lean back and strut as we led our fellow corporals around a small parking lot.

Our day for relief rolled around on a Monday and we graduated from the course with a renewed sense of pride and a new level of discipline.

Another instant change in my leadership style derived from an informal class given by the chief instructor: "Digging Deep." It made me think; sure, I may be working hard, but am I working hard enough to inspire and educate my subordinates? One of my set goals as a leader is to give a Marine a little piece of mind that may either help the Marine in his or her MOS or save his life in combat. Whenever I give a class now, I "dig deep" and think about the best approach to edu-

cate and inspire them. Words that came from the classes hit me hard in the heart like "You are no longer the future of the Marine Corps. You ARE the Marine Corps!" All of these years, I've been striving to motivate myself and prove that I can still be part of the world's finest fighting machine. For me to think that I now have control over molding new Marines blew me away. I literally decide his or her future in the Marine Corps! I can either instill the "man this stinks" attitude or the "when I become sergeant major of the Marine Corps..." attitude. You can lead the horse to water and I know you can make him drink it if you give him the proper guidance.

I now pose this question to all the corporals of the Marine Corps. "Where do we want the Corps to go?" It's our baby now and we can teach it to be an even stronger-led machine. Put your strong foot forward, dig deep and inspire some lance corporal or private first class to take the reigns from us and show them the right way to lead Marines. Someday they'll sit on the NCO chair and it's our responsibility to show them how it's done.

To achieve this mission, I strongly urge every corporal to attend a corporal's course as soon as possible. The sooner the corporal takes the class, the sooner he or she gains the proper knowledge of their phenomenal duties.

Although it takes a corporal to put his or her foot forward, it takes motivated staff NCOs to guide the Marine to the right direction. If it weren't for such dedicated instructors and fellow corporals, I wouldn't have effectively learned what it takes to really wear that bloodstripe with honor.

Cpl. Jeff Womack  
Public Affairs Office

**"I may be working hard, but am I working hard enough to educate and inspire my subordinates?"**  
— Cpl. Jeff Womack

## Presidential firsts more than political; leave mark on history

- Thomas Jefferson was the first President to die on Independence Day, while Calvin Coolidge was born on Independence Day.
- James Monroe was the first President to be inaugurated a day late because March 4, 1821 was on a Sunday.
- John Quincy Adams was the first President to be the son of a former President.
- Andrew Jackson was the first President born in a log cabin and also the first President who had fought and

- previously killed a man in a duel.
- John Tyler was the first President who was born in the United States of America.
- James K. Polk was the first to be photographed while President (1849).
- Franklin Pierce was the first to affirm, not swear, the oath of office.
- Abraham Lincoln had many firsts as a President, he was the first to have a patent (for a type of buoy in 1849),

- the first to be assassinated, and the first to appear on paper money and a U.S. coin.
- William H. Taft was the first President to open the baseball season.
- Warren G. Harding was the first President to be broadcast on radio, while Franklin D. Roosevelt was the first to appear on television.
- Ronald Reagan was the first President to have been divorced.

### STREET TALK



Staff Sgt.  
Nicholas J.  
Lake, H&S Bn.,  
MCB

*"Reagan, because he believed in defending his country and he helped end the cold war."*



Sgt. Steven R.  
Ellison, H&S  
Bn., 3rd FSSG

*"Bush, because he was the president while I was in college and I know a lot about him."*



Staff Sgt.  
Michael J.  
Jackson, H&S  
Bn., 3rd FSSG

*"Teddy Roosevelt, because he was a real man."*



Petty Officer  
3rd Class  
Edward S.  
DeBaun, H&S  
Bn., 3rd FSSG

*"Nixon, because he stood up for what he said, and was humble enough to admit when he was wrong. That takes a lot of integrity."*



# Military families throwing money down dental drain

**Gunnery Sgt. Terence R. Peck**

*Press Chief*

**CAMP FOSTER** – Military families here may be unknowingly throwing away thousands of hard-earned dollars.

Approximately 30 percent of the families stationed here on Okinawa are not taking advantage of the free dental care available to them, according to Navy Capt. Andre C. Santos, executive officer, 3rd Dental Battalion/United States Den-

tal Center.

For many families, misconceptions about what is available at the dental clinics may keep them away.

“They’re probably not knowledgeable about their full benefits,” said Santos.

In an effort to inform military members and their families about the benefits available to them, a dental representative attends the newcomers’ brief.

One of the topics discussed during their portion of the brief concerns space-required and space-available statuses.

Patients on space-required will be seen immediately, while those on space available will have to stay in the waiting room until someone does not show for an appointment and the spot opens.

“In the states, families are on a space-available status and they aren’t given appointments,” said Petty Officer First Class Sheli L. Johnson, public affairs officer. “Here, it is space-required. We make them appointments and see them.”

Third Dental Bn./U.S. Naval Dental Center is using different approaches in their effort to let people know about their dental benefits.

In celebration of National Children’s Dental Health Month, they will be sponsoring a Children’s Dental Health Fair tomorrow from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. outside Camp Foster’s Main Exchange.

During the event, there will be an information booth, a mobile dental van tour and dental screenings for children.

There will also be a Children’s Clinic Feb. 26 from 8 a.m. – noon at Bush, Evans and Kinser Dental Clinics. The clinics will provide exams and cleanings for eligible children by appointment.

“We want them to come in and utilize our services,” Santos said. “We’re fortunate enough to have high operational dental readiness for our active duty Sailors and Marines.”

Because units have been ensuring that Marines and Sailors are getting their dental care, more time is available to care for their family members, according to Santos.

“Access to care for family members are 6 – 10 workdays for routine care,” Santos said.

When a family chooses not to use their dental benefits, they may be missing the opportunity to save money.

“We can save an average family of four approximately \$2,220 in out-of-pocket expenses,” Santos said. “That’s just ba-

sic routine care such as cleanings and fillings.”

The dental clinics have the same type of care and services families would receive from a civilian dentist in the states, according to Santos.

“We want to get across to the families these services are available and to please use them,” Santos said.

One of the services families may be unaware of are the Saturday clinics and expanded hours.

“Evans has a Saturday clinic once per month for family members,” said Santos. “They do sealants for the children and cleanings. The Bush Dental Clinic now has expanded hours beyond the normal working time. The orthodontic at Camp Kinser works extended hours. So we’re doing lots of things to accommodate our patients.

We know some of the spouses work and children go to school, so we try to accommodate that by having extended hours and Saturday clinics,” Santos continued.

In addition to regular services, the dental clinics also offer emergency services.

“During working hours, you just come in and get seen,” Santos said. “After working hours, we have two clinics that are staffed.

For the Southern area of the island, Evans Dental Clinic is staffed after hours for emergencies and for the Northern area, the Hansen Dental Clinic is available.

For families who do take advantage of the dental benefits, keeping their appointments or canceling ahead of time saves money for the military. When a patient does not show for an appointment, it is similar to losing two appointments at the same time, according to Santos.

“It becomes a wasted appointment that could have been utilized by another family member,” Santos said. “We also lose about \$110 per failure.”

The goal for the 3rd Dental Bn. is to get 100 percent participation from family members.

“We want to be able to provide services to everyone, not just the 70 percent who come in” Santos said.

For more information or to make an appointment, call the following Naval Dental Clinics in your area:

Courtney	622-7569
Foster	645-7381
Kinser	637-1610



GUNNERY SGT. TERENCE R. PECK

**Petty Officer Second Class Jennifer Price, dental technician, performs a teeth cleaning on Rosalia McMasters, wife of a retired Air Force member.**

## Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society lends hand

**Lance Cpl. Zachary A. Crawford**

*Combat Correspondent*

**CAMP FOSTER**— The Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society here needs help from volunteers to provide year-long services for Marines and Sailors.

The NMCRS can help provide emergency financial aid for Marines and Sailors, both active duty and retired, and their dependents. The society also helps families expecting their first child. Financial counseling is also available to help servicemembers establish a budget.

The NMCRS, which was founded in 1904, distributed more than \$900,000 in 1999 to support qualified Marines and Sailors.

The society’s mission is carried out with the help of more than 3,000 volunteers worldwide.

“Myself and one other person here are the only employees for the relief society here on Okinawa,” said

Sharon A. Gima, NMCRS executive director on Okinawa. “Everyone else is a volunteer. We are really short of volunteers though, and need some help.”

Those who choose to become volunteers receive benefits in return for their services.

“Volunteers are provided free child care if they need it, and we also reimburse them for the mileage they use in their cars for volunteer work,” said Gima.

Potential volunteers must fill out a volunteer application and complete a short interview with the NMCRS coordinator. A schedule will be established that would best fit the new volunteer’s daily life. “There are some benefits for the volunteers if they spend their time helping others,” said Gima. “The most important benefit is that they helped someone who needed it.”

For more information on the Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society and how to become a volunteer call 645-7808.



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**Sharon A. Gima, NMCRS executive director, prepares a layette that is filled with baby goods such as diapers, booties, baby clothes and a blanket. The layette is for expecting families who attend a course offered by the society.**



# 31st MEU Marines receive new vehicles

Staff Sgt. J. J. Rodriguez

31st MEU Public Affairs

**KIN BLUE BEACH** — Marines from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit's Battalion Landing Team, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines learned how to properly drive and utilize the new Interim Fast Attack Vehicles last week.

Twelve vehicles were delivered to the 31st MEU in early January to replace the aging Vietnam-era M-151 Jeeps.

The new vehicle is expected to be used to provide heavy weapons fire support for infantry battalions.

The IFAVs were basically bought off the shelf as a temporary replacement vehicle, according to Bill Carney, a support coordinator for Marine Corps Systems Command.

It has a cargo capacity of 3,000 pounds as compared to the 500-pound capacity of the old Fast Attack Vehicle and it is safer.

It runs on diesel fuel instead of gasoline which will prevent the possibility of explosions inside aircraft, making it safer during transport, and it has doors and a windshield providing better protection to its occupants.

It has proven to be a good temporary replacement vehicle, according to Carney.

"It has more power than the old FAV. It's more comfortable; it's easier to drive, and being an automatic, it's easier to train somebody," said Cpl. Michael Wright, licensing noncommissioned officer for BLT 2/5. "I give it a nine out of 10 as far as being mission capable. It's very reli-



STAFF SGT. J. J. RODRIGUEZ

**Marines from 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit's Battalion Landing Team, put the Interim Fast Attack Vehicle to the test. The vehicle was basically bought off the shelf to replace the old Vietnam-era M-151 Jeep.**

able, and easy to maneuver."

Additions to the IFAVs include an adjustable gun mount, better maneuverability and a more comfortable interior. This vehicle is used by various countries, such as the Germany and Norway, according to Carney.

III Marine Expeditionary Force is the last of the expeditionary forces to get them. The IFAV has already proven its

worth within other MEFs and at the High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicle Mobility Course at Camp Pendleton.

Unlike the other IFAVs within the other MEFs, these vehicles are permanently assigned to the 31st MEU. All 12 are to remain with the MEU. With the other MEFs, the vehicles are only given to the MEUs when they deploy or require

them for training.

Wright believes the vehicles will be successful in achieving the mission of the BLT heavy weapons support, but in the meantime he has to concentrate on qualifying drivers for the vehicles, keeping safety always in mind.

"If you have the wrong attitude towards driving, you're not going to get a license, especially not from me," he said.

## CSSD-32 provides continuing support for 3/12 Marines

Lance Cpl. Lea A. Atkins

Combat Correspondent

**HIJUDAI, Japan** — Preparations for deployment training go further than packing an All Purpose Light Weight Individual Carrying Equipment pack and seabag. A plan has to be established to maintain the unit preceding and during the deployment.

As a part of the Artillery Relocation Exercise here, Combat Service Support Detachment-32 is a team of Marines and Sailors on call 24 hours a day. Each deployment requires Marines from various military occupational specialties to meet the needs of the training.

"It is determined by mission which MOSs come on the deployment," said Staff Sgt. N.B. Jackson, staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge, CSSD-32.

Among the many making up CSSD-32, the importance of teamwork is essential in supporting an artillery shoot. Each occupational specialty works with another to complete their mission.

Lance Cpl. Terrence M. Aguilar, optic technician, CSSD-32, repairs the optical sites on howitzers. Lance Cpls. Corey J. Bush and Matthew J. White, 3rd echelon artillery mechanics, CSSD-32, maintain and repair the guns. If something goes wrong, they find and repair the problem in order to get the howitzer back in action.

Another facet of CSSD-32 is the supply section. Staff Sgt. Arleane S. Stevens, supply chief, CSSD-32, and Cpl. Jamie A. Laster, warehouseman, CSSD-32, order, maintain and handle stock inventory.

"It is important that accountability of the gear is always correct," said Stevens. "Keeping accurate paperwork is the key."

When emergency situations arise and the gear is unavailable, Stevens will take the next step.

"If the gear is not available, I'll call my office in Okinawa and give the priority number," said Stevens.



LANCE CPL. LEA A. ATKINS

**Lance Cpls. Angela M. Berry, motor transportation mechanic, CSSD-32, and William J. Mehl, motor transportation mechanic, Headquarters Btry., 12th Marines, work together to repair a 5-ton.**

"The item is then put on the next available flight and sent here."

Supplies, such as ammunition, are handled by Cpl. Jesus Castro, chief ammunition technician, CSSD-32 and Lance Cpl. A. Gonzales, ammunition technician, CSSD-32.

"Once the ammo arrives, we stock and maintain an inventory for accountability," said Castro.

Other areas within CSSD-32 include motor transportation, an electrician, embarkation, general repair, radio repair, heavy equipment maintenance and medical personnel.





LANCE CPL. CHAD C. ADAMS



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# Toga! Toga!

## Marines party Roman style

**Lance Cpl. Chad C. Adams**

*Combat Correspondent*

**CAMP KINSER** — In a page right out of Faber College's yearbook, the Single Marine Program threw an "Animal House" style toga party for Marines and Sailors at the Trimod here Feb. 12.

"The club wanted to do something for the community," said Cindy McGarvie, SMP coordinator, Camp Kinser.

"We thought it would be something different," McGarvie said. "We really thought they would have a good time with that."

The event was held as a fundraiser for the AmerAsian schoolchildren. The party drew approximately 100 people and raised \$143 for an upcoming sports day and picnic the SMP will host for the children Feb. 19, which culminates a week-long school supplies drive, according to McGarvie.

Although there was a greater cause at hand, the SMP furthered their commitment to the single Marines and

Sailors by giving them a chance to cut loose, and in some cases, "Shout."

Instead of Otis Day and the Knights bellowing out their soulful classic, many members of the toga-clad crowd participated in a Karaoke contest, singing (or attempting to sing) the movie classic, "Shout."

Shouting remained a theme for the night as contestants lined up for a version of the Animal House road trip, with a twist. Togas flapped in the wind as Marines and Sailors battled each other in a tricycle race. Afterwards, they participated in a 'dizzy izzy', and a low crawl contest. The winner received a brand new VCR.

And just like Flounder's car, the transportation suffered due to the raucous activities.

"They did break one tricycle," McGarvie said.

However, the highlight of the toga party, and the big money maker, had to be the "Food Fight!," a pie throwing contest in which several command members stuck out their necks, and more importantly, their faces, for junior enlisted members to pay a buck and take their best shot.



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"All of my Marines promised they would hit me with one," said 1st Sgt. Sidney D. Simpkins, Headquarters and Service Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group.

"It's all for the good of things," said Seaman Kevin P. Cunningham, corpsman, Kinser Group Aid Station, H&S Bn., 3rd FSSG, who bought seven pies at one time to ensure success. "It's a party."

More than a party, the event gave Marines and Sailors from Camp Kinser an opportunity to mingle with those they wouldn't normally have a chance to meet.

"It allows us to compete with each other in a fun way and meet new people that came down from other places," said Cpl. Shaun R. Abel, field wireman, Communication Co., H&S Bn., 3rd FSSG. "We showed them what Kinser was like."

Ultimately, the event was an opportunity for everyone to just have a little bit of fun.

"It allows us to let our hair down," Abel said.

"I think it helps the Marines out," said Jennifer Cantrell, family member. "It feels good to go out every once and a while."



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(above) 1st Sgt. Sidney D. Simpkins, Communications Company, H&S Bn., 3rd FSSG, gets a pie in the face. Attendees to the Single Marine Program's toga party could pay \$1 per pie to throw at command representatives from around the island.

(left) Marines and Sailors dance the night away at the toga party.





SGT. ROBERT J. ANGUS

# Students get hands-on experience with CH-46E

**Sgt. Robert J. Angus**

*Combat Correspondent*

**CAMP FOSTER** — “Devildog, this is Super Pilot, over,” said the CH-46E helicopter pilot.

“Super Pilot, this is Devildog, go

ahead, over,” answers the the radioman on the ground

“Devildog, we’re approaching the landing zone now, ready to insert patrol, is the LZ hot?, over,” asks the pilot.

“Super Pilot, the LZ is hot, approach with caution, over,” is the reply from the

ground.

“Roger that Devildog, Super Pilot out,” said the pilot.

As the CH-46E approaches, tracer rounds begin whizzing past the helicopter and it begins to land ...

“Chase ..., Hey Chase ...,” and the 7-year-old would-be pilot is brought back to reality. “Your turn in the pilot’s seat is up,” said the pilot showing students his helicopter.

This was the scene as five classes of second-graders from Edward C. Killin Elementary School got a hands-on look at a CH-46E from Marine Aircraft Group-36 during a field trip here Feb. 11.

“I approached my daughter’s teacher and they expressed interest in doing this,” said Capt. Jay T. Aubin, pilot, Helicopter Marine Medium-265, MAG-36. “So I went back and sent the idea up my chain of command and it was approved. It was just a matter of days to set something like this up. Everyone is very cooperative on supporting our children like this.”

A mission like this also allows MAG-36 the opportunity to show family members what their Marines do from day to day.

“This is an important part of the education process,” said Col. Thomas L. Conant, commanding officer, MAG-36. “We were talking to some of the teachers and came to realize that even though the children reside on Okinawa and their parents are military, very seldom do they get to see the equipment their relatives operate, up close.”

The student’s learning experience began Feb. 10 with an in-class presentation on aerodynamics and what keeps a helicopter in the air.

“I tried to teach a little on why a helicopter flies on a second-grade level,” said Aubin. “We tried to keep it simple and did experiments to show how the helicopter works. The kids were very receptive to it and asked a lot of questions.”

The following day the students were

anxious to see a helicopter close up. As the CH-46E made its approach to the landing zone in the field near Club Chesty’s, excitement was evident as the children all started talking and pointing at what they were about to see.

“I can’t wait to see it,” said Jared D. Sellers, 7, “This is something I’ve always wanted to do.”

After the helicopter landed and its rotors stopped turning, the children approached the aircraft in a single-file line and hands-on learning began.

The children were given the opportunity to enter through the back of the helicopter and see where Marines sit while flying.

Then they moved on to see the .50 caliber machine guns mounted in position before finally getting to the cockpit.

Following the tour of the aircraft, some of the children made the decision to be a pilot when they grow up.

“I would love to be a pilot,” said Chase A. Dungan, 8.

“I was really looking forward to this,” said Alicia M. Aubin, 7-year-old daughter of Capt. Aubin. “I want to do the same thing as my Dad and fly a helicopter.”

Following their tour, Capt. Aubin was waiting for them to answer any questions they had.

“The kids are full of questions,” said Capt. Aubin. “They are very bright.”

The teachers were also excited about the whole experience.

“This is the first time I’ve seen something like this done,” said Sandra M. Bookman, second-grade teacher, Killin Elementary School. “We’re so delighted to be here and the kids are so excited.”

As the experience came to a close, MAG-36 remains open to support more missions like this is the future.

“I’ve talked to some of the other teachers and I don’t see why we can’t set something like this up for other classes and schools,” said Conant. “We can also bring in different kinds of helicopters so they can see all that we have to offer.”



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**Jared D. Sellers, a 7-year-old second-grader at Edward C. Killin Elementary School, sits in the pilot's seat of a CH-46E helicopter.**



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**Captain Jay T. Aubin, pilot, HMM-265, Marine Aircraft Group-36, answers students’ questions about the CH-46E helicopter.**



# ‘Wizard of WestPac’ elevates All-Marine Basketball Team

Lance Cpl. Chad C. Adams

Combat Correspondent

**CAMP FOSTER** — A backboard, a hoop and a net, they’re everywhere - from inner-city playgrounds with chainlink nets, to Midwestern farmlands with dirt courts, the game of basketball is being played across America.

Not long after Dr. James A. Naismith first hung a peach basket on the wall of a Springfield, Mass. gym, men like Fog Allen, Adolph Rupp and John Wooden helped carry the game through the generations, propelling basketball like wild-fire across the globe.

One man here is pursuing basketball excellence. He is in every sense of the word, a coach.

James A. Watts, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base, has come a long way from his early days spent on the tough playgrounds of Baltimore. There he learned his first lessons about the game he loves, in a place that kept him off of the streets and away from trouble.

“If you were on the basketball court, you were safe,” said the point-guard sized, 5-foot-10-inch Watts.

However, instead using basketball as a springboard into big time college hoops, the stars pointed to the Marine Corps for Watts, where he has served for 17 years.

That’s where Watts got his first coaching job, and now, 232 victories later, he’s riding a run of 11 tournament victories in

13-months, including a victory with the All-Marine Basketball Team at the Armed Forces Basketball Championship in November. This is only the second Marine Corps victory in more than 40 years.

This victory landed Watts the head coaching position for the USA Armed Forces Basketball Team and an appearance in the 1999 Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe Tournament. The competition included professional basketball players from throughout Europe.

Going from the basics to the pinnacle of military basketball might have only been an eight-year journey for Watts; however, there was a lot of labor involved along the way.

“I study basketball,” said the 41-year-old coach. “I read basketball. I’m a self-

made coach. I live basketball everyday. You can ask my wife, she’ll tell you.”

“He’s really dedicated to it,” said Laura Watts, James’ wife of 15 years.

“He’s so dedicated, it’s become a family venture now. It’s a family affair. I’m very proud of him, he’s come a very long way.”

But Watts didn’t make this transition for the fame or accolades that come with success.

Instead, in a way that might remind some people the first time they heard a game over a crackling transistor radio or on the screen of a rickety old black and white

TV, Watts did it like the basketball leaders of yesteryear ghosts he echoes with every stomp on the sideline. He did it for the love of the game.

“The passion burns with a fire inside

of me,” Watts said. “There is a passion. There is a love. There is a desire. That’s where my heart is.”

After years of success following his heart’s desire, Watts’ lofty expectations are now conceding to even more important issues.

“It used to be about winning,” Watts said. “Now it’s about teaching. I want to give back and give something to basketball that I never had.”

Giving back, combined with his overwhelming success – a .714 percent career winning percentage, has given Watts the type of achievements that makes him feel proud.

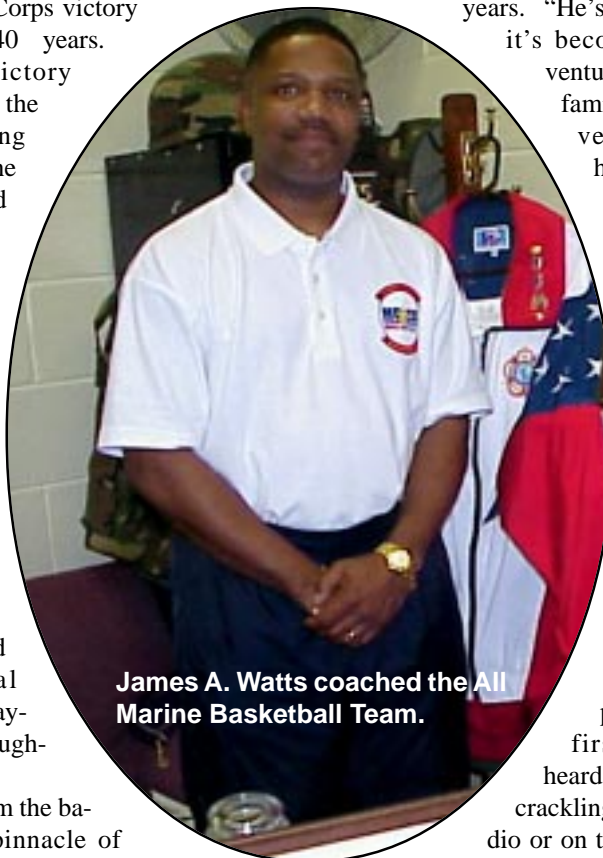
“I am really happy this happened to me,” Watts said. “What I put into it is what I’m getting out. My time has been devoted to basketball.”

This devotion translates into a resume filled with victories, championships and awards, but leaves one with a question. What next?

Watts plans on pursuing coaching when the final horn finally sounds on his Marine Corps career. With his coaching successes in the Corps, and the countless contacts he has made in the basketball world, maybe, with a little luck, Watts will be stalking the sideline of a major Division I university or a professional team in the near future.

But then again, what does luck have to do with it?

Watts probably said it best himself. “Who can argue with success.”



James A. Watts coached the All-Marine Basketball Team.

## Group takes III MEF truck rodeo title



Sergeant Charles T. Mahone, wrecker operator for the 31st MEU, hooks up wrecker to a 5-ton truck.

Lance Cpl. Zachary A. Crawford

Combat Correspondent

**CAMP FOSTER** — Third Force Service Support Group Marines took first place overall to win the competition against Marines from 3rd Marine Division, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and the devil dogs from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit by putting up a fight and showing their skills in the first III Marine Expeditionary Force Truck and Heavy Equipment Rodeo at the 3rd Transportation Support Battalion motor pool here Feb 14.

Competitors experienced both defeat and victory throughout the event. Some won by having a winning drive time in the precision maneuver course and some by steering clear of the road cones used to represent pedestrians, curbs and other road hazards during the M998 “HUMVEE” dogleg.

According to the letter of instruction, the commanding general’s intent for the rodeo is “To provide Marines and Sailors with the Military Occupational Specialty in the 3500 and/or 1300 field, and other incidental operators, with the opportunity to demonstrate acquired individual and team skills, and to promote the safe operation of Motor Transport and Heavy

Equipment in support of III MEF.”

Throughout the rodeo, not only were Marines participating quickly and with a hard-core spirit of competition, they did everything safely.

Safety was paramount when it came to the competition, as well as it is applied to the Marines’ daily work life, according to Brig. Gen. Frances C. Wilson, commanding general, 3rd FSSG.

Marines from all over the island had the chance to participate in events such as the five-ton truck expedient tire change, wrecker towing and recovery operations, towed load docking, parallel parking, weaving course and other events designed to challenge the competitors.

“It was a real fun and challenging event,” said Lance Cpl. Pablo Perez, wrecker operator, 3rd Transportation Support Battalion, 3rd FSSG, who participated in the M936 Vehicle Recovery Operations event.

“It was hard to connect the chains to the truck, and when you’re going for time, you have to be quick and safe,” the Miami native added.

Although 3rd FSSG won the competition, all of the Marines put their skills to the test, tried their best, and will have the chance to be the III MEF Rodeo champion next year.



# ELMACO's circuit card repair section keeps III MEF... Wired

Lance Cpl. Micheal O. Foley

Combat Correspondent

**CAMP KINSER** — As children, the Marines of circuit card repair section, Electronic Maintenance Co., 3rd Materiel Readiness Bn., 3rd Force Service Support Group were probably the ones who were punished for taking apart toys and household appliances to see how they worked.

Now that they are adults and have completed a military occupational specialty school to become communication security equipment technicians, and undergone extra training to become micro-miniature technicians, these Marines know how to troubleshoot problems and fix circuit cards that make electronic devices function properly.

"Our mission is to support III MEF (Marine Expeditionary Force) by repairing circuit cards," said Sgt. Lonnie M. McGhee Jr., circuit card repair section head. "The majority of our work is soldering and board repair. To get boards to that point of soldering, we have to do a lot of troubleshooting and board design."

The components on the boards can be so small, that often, Marines need to look through microscopes to see what they are repairing.

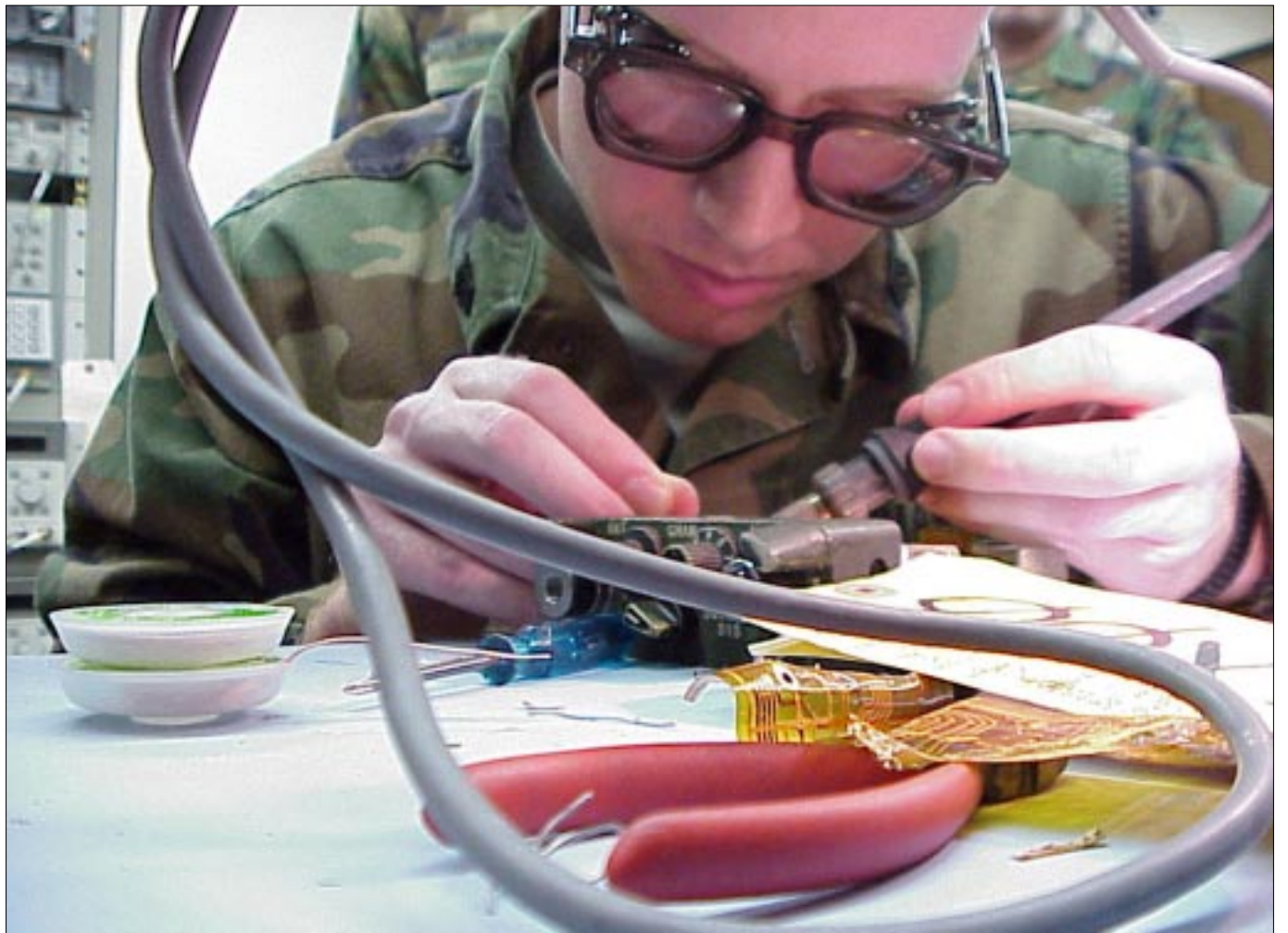
"When you're working with something really small, the biggest challenge is keeping track of it," said McGhee. "A lot of times, if you blink you'll lose it."

Other sections within ELMACO can troubleshoot the board down to the component level and order the components needed, but only the Marines who work in the micro-miniature section are qualified to work on that small of a level, according to Chief Warrant Officer-3 Kenneth L. Kelsay, executive officer, ELMACO.

Having Marines who can repair circuit cards avoids spending Marine Corps funds to replace them. If Marines were unable to repair circuit cards, the Corps would have to provide funds to replace cards every time one malfunctioned.

"When we get the card, we may discover the problem is a 25 cent component," said McGhee. "We order it, repair the card and avoid the unit from spending the excess money to replace it. If that's a \$5,000 card, they have to pay to get it replaced. Instead we spend 25 cents and the problem is solved."

In addition to avoiding cost for the



LANCE CPL. MICHEAL O. FOLEY

**Sergeant Dennis J. Clay, micro-miniature technician, Electronic Maintenance Co., 3rd Materiel Readiness Bn., 3rd Force Service Support Group, works with a soldering iron on a component in the circuit card repair section of ELMACO.**

Marine Corps, the micro-miniature section affects the readiness of III MEF by reducing the amount of time circuit cards are down. Without a circuit card repair section at ELMACO, circuit cards would have to be transported to the United States to be repaired. By providing III MEF with this service, these Marines are reducing the time machines are down, therefore keeping the force ready.

They repair circuit cards for computers, radios and virtually any electronic device.

"If it's a circuit card, we try to repair it," said McGhee.

"If they can't fix it, it is either disposed of or refurbished at one of our fifth echelon shops in Barstow or Albany," said Kelsay.

The variety of different cards and problems they have is one of the reasons Marines like working with circuit cards. With changing technology, new challenges are constantly coming into the circuit card repair section.

"This job is fun because it's constantly evolving," said McGhee. "There's a lot of new things going on at the micro-min-

iature level of circuit cards. With the evolution of the cards, there's always something new. Sometimes it's not the new cards that present problems, but the older ones that no one has seen for a while."

No matter when the card was made,

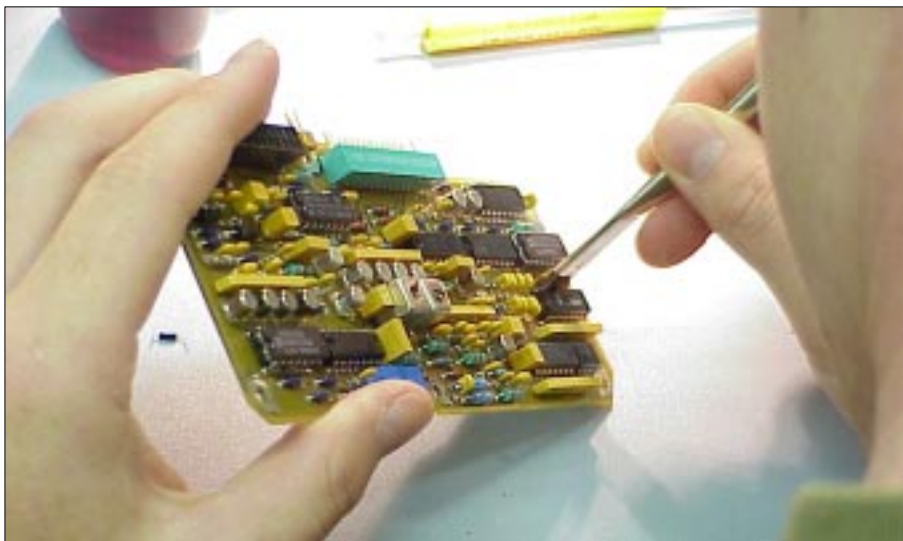
these Marines can find and fix the problem.

While these Marine are still taking items apart, they are doing a job that keeps the Corps ready and would make their mothers proud.



LANCE CPL. MICHEAL O. FOLEY

**Lance Cpl. Joseph V. Talsma, micro-miniature technician, looks through a microscope to solder a small piece of a circuit board. The human body could generate enough static electricity to fry circuits this small.**



LANCE CPL. MICHEAL O. FOLEY

**A Marine here uses a fine brush to clean a circuit card.**



# The Marketplace



## Automobiles/ motorcycles

**1987 Honda CRX** — JCI May 00, \$500. Joe, 646-6927.  
**1988 Nissan van** — JCI Jan 02, \$1,500 OBO. John, 646-6067.  
**1988 Nissan van** — JCI Feb 02, \$1,500. Capt. Amposta, 633-2532.  
**1985 Super Ace** — JCI Jun 01. Lt. Wahl, 623-5030 or 623-7371.  
**1989 Toyota Super Ace** — JCI Jun 01. Capt. Fitzpatrick, 623-4910.  
**1992 Suzuki Cappuccino** — 930-0393.  
**1986 Mitsubishi Chariot** — JCI Oct 00, \$400 OBO. Capt. Plenzler, 645-0792.  
**1988 Toyota Corona** — JCI Jun 01, \$900. 964-6504, or 0909-577-9359.  
**1989 Toyota** — JCI Sep 00, \$900. Lisa, 926-0681.  
**1988 Toyota van** — JCI May 00, \$1,400 OBO. 637-6075/4491.  
**1989 Corona** — JCI Mar 01, \$700 OBO. Greg Grayson, 625-3234.  
**1984 Toyota van** — JCI Sep 00, \$800 OBO. **1987 Mitsubishi Gallant** — JCI Jun 00, \$800 OBO. 646-8934.  
**1985 Toyota van** — JCI Sep 00, \$850. Cpl. Johnson, 646-8389, or 645-7315.  
**1991 Mitsubishi Diamonte** — JCI Feb 02, \$2,500. **1988 Honda CRX** — JCI Feb 02, \$2,300. Robert, 646-6097.  
**1987 Toyota Chaser** — JCI Jul 01, \$2,000. Galendez, 623-7341.  
**1989 Honda** — JCI Aug 00, \$1,500 OBO. Jan, 926-1772.  
**1991 Toyota Corolla** — JCI Jan 01, \$1,800 OBO. 646-3377.  
**1992 Suzuki Cappuccino** — Cherrie, 930-0393.  
**1989 Nissan Largo** — JCI Jul 01, \$3,200 OBO. Pagarigan, 636-2126.  
**1992 Toyota Carina** — JCI Aug 01, \$2,100. 932-5062.  
**1990 Honda CRX** — JCI Dec 01, \$900. Sgt. Carlson, 645-0793.  
**1987 Toyota Mark II** — JCI Nov 00, \$1,200 OBO. 637-3961 or 637-5054.  
**1987 Toyota Camry** — JCI May 00, \$1,100 OBO. 637-2598.  
**1990 300Z Twin Turbo** — JCI Oct 01, \$6,800 OBO. 622-8554.  
**1988 Toyota Master Ace** — JCI Nov 01, \$1,800 OBO. 646-8698.



## Miscellaneous

**Appliances** — American-style refrigerator, washer and dryer, \$700. John, 926-1772 or 645-0849.  
**Fur coat** — Full-length Raccoon fur coat, size 10-12, \$1,200 OBO. 622-8543 or rdmr440@aol.com.  
**Misc.** — Four new 14/65 tires; carpet steamer. 930-0393.  
**Misc.** — Dehumidifier, \$30; gas grill, \$75; weed whacker, \$20; wood table w/ four chairs, \$140; refrigerator, \$100. Greg Masiello, 936-3397.  
**Wanted** — White changing table. Cassandra, 622-8785.  
**Misc.** — 15.5 TFT LCD Monitor, \$700; Cambridge Microworks speakers, \$150; Cambridge Soundworks speakers, \$75. Sgt. Brown, 622-6820.  
**Notebook computer** — AMD K6-2 300, 24x CD, 4gb HD, 56k v.90 modem, 32m ram, \$1,300. 932-1687.  
**Misc.** — 55ft. fence w/ locking gate, approved for base housing, \$500; King size light oak waterbed, \$700. Larry and Kathy Day, 622-8437.  
**Ring** — 14k custom gold ring, mens size 12, \$275. Scott, 645-3051.  
**Misc.** — Glass dining table w/ six chairs, \$500; girl's 20" and boys 16" bikes, \$50. Sue, 646-8298.  
**Transformers** — 2000w, \$70; 1000w, \$60. 633-7100.  
**Free kitten** — 5-months-old, has shots, litter box trained. 637-3590.  
**Dive watch** — Aqualand Promaster, nine dives on watch, \$400. 623-7693.  
**Misc.** — Various American and Japanese Pokemon cards including Charizard and many more. 646-2503.  
**Misc.** — Day bed w/ mattress, \$150 OBO. 27" RCA color television, \$190 OBO. Dress Blue blouse, trouser and cover, \$75. 637-5054.  
**Misc.** — Banshee 16MB display card. 32MB SDRAM, \$50. David, 646-3636.  
**Misc.** — Double jogging stroller w/ handbrake, \$175. 633-6115.  
**Cat** — Spayed, shots, free to good home. (W) 645-3221, (H) 633-9180.  
**Misc.** — Solid wood bookcase, \$75. Small wood book cases, \$25. Single bed mattress, \$25. 25" Trinitron television, \$450. Hoover vaccum cleaner, \$40. 893-2656.

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## Butler (645-3465)

Fri End of Days (R); 6:30, 9:30  
Sat Pokemon (G); 1:00, 4:00, 7:00  
Sat End of Days (R); 10:30  
Sun Music of the Heart (PG13); 1:00  
Sun The Insider (R); 4:00, 7:00  
Mon Pokemon (G); 1:00  
Mon The Insider (R); 7:00  
Tue Anywhere But Here (PG13); 7:00  
Wed Music of the Heart (PG13); 7:00  
Thu Music of the Heart (PG13); 7:00

## Courtney (622-9616)

Fri American Beauty (R); 7:00  
Sat Anywhere But Here (PG13); 7:00  
Sun The Tigger Movie (G); 3:00  
Sun Light it Up (R); 6:00  
Mon CLOSED  
Tue CLOSED  
Wed The Tigger Movie (G); 2:00  
Wed Play it to the Bone (R); 7:00  
Thu CLOSED

## Futenma (636-3890)

Fri American Beauty (R); 7:00  
Sat Light it Up (R); 7:00  
Sun Anywhere But Here (PG13); 7:30  
Mon Play it to the Bone (R); 7:30  
Tue CLOSED  
Wed Bone Collector (R); 7:30  
Thu CLOSED

## Hansen (623-4564)

Fri The Hurricane (R); 6:30, 9:30  
Sat The Hurricane (R); 6:30, 9:30  
Sun The Hurricane (R); 2:00  
Sun End of Days (R); 5:30, 8:30  
Mon Omega Code (PG13); 5:00

Mon End of Days (R); 7:00  
Tue Anywhere But Here (PG13); 7:00  
Wed Anywhere But Here (PG13); 7:00  
Thu Music of the Heart (PG); 7:00

## Keystone (634-1869)

Fri Play it to the Bone (R); 6:30, 9:30  
Sat Music of the Heart (PG); 1:00  
Sat Play it to the Bone (R); 6:30, 9:30  
Sun Music of the Heart (PG); 2:00  
Sun The Insider (R); 5:00  
Sun Play it to the Bone (R); 9:00  
Mon The Tigger Movie (G); 1:00  
Mon Messenger: Joan of Arc Story (R); 7:00  
Tue Messenger: Joan of Arc Story (R); 7:00  
Wed The Hurricane (R); 7:00  
Thu End of Days (R); 7:00

## Kinser (637-2177)

Fri The Tigger Movie (G); 7:00  
Sat The Tigger Movie (G); 3:00  
Sat End of Days (R); 7:00, 11:30  
Sun The Insider (R); 7:00  
Mon Music of the Heart (PG); 1:00  
Tue End of Days (R); 7:00  
Wed The Insider (R); 7:00  
Thu Messenger: Joan of Arc Story (R); 7:00

## Schwab (625-2333)

Fri American Beauty (R); 7:00  
Sat Light It Up (R); 6:00, 9:00  
Sun The Insider (R); 7:00  
Mon The Insider (R); 7:00  
Tue Light It Up (R); 7:00  
Wed Anywhere but Here (R); 7:00  
Thu Anywhere but Here (R); 7:00